



## WORLD KARATE FEDERATION

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### **Postponement of Grand Winners award to 2021**

The Grand Winners award recognises the “Best of the Best” of the season in Karate 1-Premier League. Each year the top-ranked competitors in all 12 categories of the Karate 1-Premier League are distinguished with an honour that continues developing as one of the most prestigious recognitions for Karate athletes. Moreover, the Grand Winners are crowned at a special ceremony which is distributed among TV networks all over the world and it greatly contributes to raising the profile of our stars.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, only three events of the season of Karate 1-Premier League have been held to date in 2020. With the cancellation of the tournaments of Rabat, Madrid and Moscow (event not yet cancelled, currently postponed) the 2020 Karate 1-Premier League season has been limited to the events in Paris, Dubai, and Salzburg.

Following this scenario, the following will apply:

1. Postponement of the proclamation of the Grand Winners award to 2021
2. Merging of the two seasons (2020 and 2021) as one, thus assessing the points obtained in the events of 2020 and in the five prospective events of 2021 to create a final joint 2020-2021 Karate 1-Premier League standings.
3. Accumulation of the Grand Winners prize money of the two seasons. The award will subsequently increase from the current 1000 € per category to 2000 € per category.
4. Celebration of the Grand Winners award ceremony at the last event of 2021 (Moscow) or the first event of 2022 (to be decided).



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5. Maintain the incumbent Grand Winners (season 2019) in the season 2021, thus requiring the current owners of the award to wear the special golden karategi also during the events of the next season.

We believe that the postponement of the proclamation of the Grand Winners award to 2021 represents the best decision to safeguard the athletes' interest, the notoriety of the award, and the reputation of our organisation.